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Brown County Student Receives Surprise Grand Prize EdVest College Scholarship Fund

Youth from Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Sauk, Waukesha and Winnebago counties awarded for their entries

Today, Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass surprised Josephine Wesoloski from Brown county, with the grand prize \$1000 EdVest college scholarship fund for winning the 2008 EdVest poster contest. More than 1000 first through third graders from across the state entered the contest to draw a picture of a piggybank showing how they plan to save for college.

"It is exciting to have so many young children participate and learn the importance of how to save for their future college goals," said Treasurer Sass. "It is never too early, or too late, to start saving for your future college education."

The Treasurer also recognized and congratulated the following top seven winners who all received a \$250 EdVest starter account:

- Saul Soto Milwaukee county
- Kaley Waters Winnebago county
- Olivia Thieding Sauk county
- Bria Hollingsworth Kenosha county
- Geon Ahn Dane county
- Sabrina Huang Waukesha county
- Jadyn Shakal Chippewa county

The EdVest poster contest was launched on Higher Education Day, created by the Treasurer's Office three years ago in order to focus attention on the importance of higher education, and to highlight the many excellent resources already available in our state for students and parents. The EdVest poster collage was unveiled at the event highlighting all eight winner's drawings. The collage will be displayed at libraries, schools and government buildings throughout Wisconsin.

"Sending a child to college is one of the most important contributions we can make as a parent," said Treasurer Sass. "Through EdVest, parents can help make this dream a reality."

To see a picture of the winners and the EdVest poster collage, visit <u>www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov</u>.